(a) what are the details regarding Prime Minister's National Highways Development Project;

(b) whether any targets have been fixed under the project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and achievements made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]:

(a) The Prime Minister's National Highways Development Project (NHDP) involves four/six laning of the National Highways connecting the four metros of Delhi-Kolkata-Chennai and Mumbai and North-South and East-West Corridors-connecting Srinagar to Kanyakumari and Silchar to Porbandar.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) NHDP has a total length of 13151 kms. comprising 5851 kms. of Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) and 7300 kms. of North-South & East-West Corridors (Corridors). Four-laning of 1063 kms. of Golden Quadrilateral and 716 kms. of Corridors has been completed. The GQ of NHDP is likely to be completed by December 2003 and the Corridors of NHDP by December 2007.

Accidents in Metro cities and on National Highways

†1346. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of accidents is increasing continuously in Metropolitan cities/cities and on National Highways;

(b) if so, the number of the accidents occurred alongwith the number of people died/injured during the last year;

(c) whether it is a fact that mismanagement of traffic system is the main reason for these increasing accidents; and

(d) if so, whether it is also a fact that the proposal regarding infrastructural improvement in traffic system is pending for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) As per information available, the number of road accidents on National Highways during the years 1998, 1999 and 2000 were 98690 (P), 101940 (P) and 106776 (P) respectively (P = Provisional). The year-wise number of road accidents in Metropolitan Cities are given below:

Sl. No.	Metro Cities	1998	1999	2000
1.	Kolkata	10999	10677	11036
2.	Delhi	10217	9909	10245
3.	Mumbai	26980	25945	26450
4.	Chennai	5121	4593	4878

(b) The number of the accidents occurred alongwith the number of people died/injured during the year 2000 as given below:

	Road Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured
National Highways	106776 (P)	28930 (P)	115673 (P)
Kolkata	11036	452	3316
Delhi	10245	1989	8771
Mumbai	26450	449	7122
Chennai	4878	692	4496

(P=Provisional)

(c) The causes of road accidents identified are Drivers fault, Passengers/ Pedestrians, Bad weather, Bad road, Mechanical fault & Others.

(d) Various remedial measures taken by Government are Engineering and managerial efforts like ensuring proper road engineering aspects, road signages, improvement of road geometrics, training, awareness campaign, enforcement, etc.

Proposal for separate department for medium industries

1347. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state: